DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Allowed claims are 1-16, 19, and 21-26 (renumbered as 1-23).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter Albert on 8/24/2009.

1. A method comprising:

receiving a broadcast service notification from a network in response to a network-initiated creation of a Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) service context where the context is used by a number of terminals, said broadcast service notification indicating the provision of a broadcast or multicast service;

initializing receipt of configuration parameters for a terminal device which is requesting the MBMS service from a related control channel, wherein the configuration parameters are associating with said broadcast or multicast service, in response to said receiving of said broadcast service notification from the network; and

switching a connection state of said terminal device to a dedicated channel state

in which a dedicated physical channel is allocated to said terminal device, after reception of said configuration parameters.

11. An apparatus [[configured]] comprising:

a receiver to receive a broadcast service notification from a network as a result of a network-initiated creation of a Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) service context where the context is used by a number of terminals, said broadcast service notification indicating the provision of a broadcast or multicast service;

a processor to initialize receipt of configuration parameters for a terminal device which is requesting the MBMS service from a related control channel, wherein the configuration parameters are associating with said broadcast or multicast service, after receiving of said broadcast service notification from the network; and

the processor to switch a connection state of said terminal device to a dedicated channel state in which a dedicated physical channel is allocated to said terminal device, after reception of said configuration parameters.

16. An apparatus [[configured]] comprising:

a transmitter to broadcast a service notification as a result of a network-initiated creation of a Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) service context where the context is used by a number of terminals, said broadcast service notification indicating the provision of a broadcast or multicast service;

the transmitter to transmit configuration parameters for a terminal device which

is requesting the MBMS service on a related control channel, wherein the configuration parameters are associating with said broadcast or multicast service; and

a processor to cause switching of a connection state of said terminal device to a dedicated channel state in which a dedicated physical channel is allocated to said terminal device.

19. An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a broadcast service notification from a network as a result of a network-initiated creation of a Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) service context where the context is used by a number of terminals, said broadcast service notification indicating the provision of a broadcast or multicast service;

means for initializing receipt of configuration parameters for a terminal device which is requesting the MBMS service from a related control channel, wherein the configuration parameters are associating with said broadcast or multicast service, after receiving of said broadcast service notification from the network; and

means for switching a connection state of said terminal device to a dedicated channel state in which a dedicated physical channel is allocated to said terminal device, after reception of said configuration parameters.

21. A method comprising:

broadcasting a service notification from a network as a result of a network-initiated creation of a Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) service context where the context is used by a number of terminals, said broadcast service notification

indicating the provision of a broadcast or multicast service;

initializing receipt of configuration parameters for a terminal device which is requesting the MBMS service from a related control channel, wherein the configuration parameters are associating with said broadcast or multicast service, in response to said receiving of said broadcast service notification from the network; and

causing switching of a connection state of said terminal device to a dedicated channel state in which a dedicated physical channel is allocated to said terminal device.

24. An apparatus comprising:

means for broadcasting a service notification from a network as a result of a network-initiated creation of a Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) service context where the context is used by a number of terminals, said broadcast service notification indicating the provision of a broadcast or multicast service;

initializing receipt of configuration parameters for a terminal device which is requesting the MBMS service from a related control channel, wherein the configuration parameters are associating with said broadcast or multicast service, in response to said receiving of said broadcast service notification from the network; and

means for causing switching of a connection state of said terminal device to a dedicated channel state in which a dedicated physical channel is allocated to said terminal device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WANDA Z. RUSSELL whose telephone number is (571)270-1796. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-6:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema Rao can be reached on (571) 272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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